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Via e-mail: sfox@mt.gov

Members of the Candidate Selection Committee,

I humbly submit my name for consideration in your search for Montana's next Commissioner of Political Practices.

A lifelong resident of Montana, I am uniquely qualified for this position as I have interacted with this particular agency from several perspectives. My attached resume illustrates my knowledge of the initiative process, non-partisan issues-based campaigns, and partisan candidate campaigns.

In the 2000 election cycle, I was a candidate for the Montana House of Representatives, and witnessed first-hand how critically important open and ready access is to our state's healthy political process. Ease of form completion, guidance in the reporting process, and availability of those reports to the general public are vital to our political process.

This access is necessary not only for candidates but also for citizens, both as paid lobbyists and political organizations, as influence is sought with candidates and elected officials. History has taught us, and certainly the law and public policy require, that the line between access and undue influence must be enforced evenly and consistently. As Commissioner of Political Practices, I will diligently guard that line.

For 5 years, I worked as Head Paralegal in a very busy law office responsible for large amounts of legal writing. Though I have been involved in partisan politics in the past, I fully appreciate the need for complete objectivity in this position, not only to fulfill the letter but also the intent of the law. The people of Montana deserve an impartial administrator of their political process. I stand ready to fill that role.

The next several years are critical to Montana's political process. This appointment will be made at a time when the Office of Political Practices faces a new climate of rules in the wake of significant Supreme Court decisions. Many complaints await resolution, workloads are increasing, and the budget is tight. Given the current economic climate, an office that works efficiently and within its means is more critical now than ever before. If selected to serve in this position, I have every confidence that I will serve the people of Montana well.

I am available for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Sangisetty for Congress, LA-03; Field Director

In the midst of the largest oil-spill in our nation's history, I ran a team of nine field organizers in four offices for a conservative candidate in South Louisiana. In addition to exceeding constituent contact goals, expertise on both local and federal compliance was achieved.

Decline to Sign CI-102; Field Manager

In opposition to an initiative eligible for qualification for the 2010 Montana ballot, I coordinated with several non-partisan organizations to educate voters about the initiative process and potential ramifications of passage of the initiative. I developed and implemented an internal training for staff and volunteers on Election Day compliance, proper signature gathering protocol, and the intricacies of Montana's initiative process.

Change That Works; Montana State Field Director

For a major non-partisan accountability campaign on national labor and healthcare reform, I created and implemented a field plan while advising on political, communications and field strategy in Montana. After a successful campaign, a nonprofit organization was formed, for which I served as the Montana field director.

Big Sky Health Care Now; Campaign Director

As the Montana arm of the national organization Americans for Healthcare, I directed a statewide non-partisan campaign to build momentum for health care reform.

Healthy Montana Kids Initiative I-155; Organizer

I worked as a Field Organizer on a non-partisan initiative campaign for a major expansion of the Children's Health Insurance Program. The initiative made the November 2008 ballot, and Montanans voted yes by more than 70 percent.

Office of U.S. Senator Jon Tester; Field Representative

As the public face of Sen. Tester in a number of communities, I attended community events and ceremonies where I often represented the senator and collected feedback. I also assisted constituents with issues ranging from complaints of civil rights violations to a 30-year-old clerical error preventing a handgun licensure.

Other work experience, responsibilities

Commissioner

Office of the Public Defender Since the Fifty-ninth Montana Legislature created a statewide public defender system in 2005, I have served on its governing commission. My responsibilities have included creating service standards and systems to recruit and hire attorneys and staff. I also help decide the direction and scope of the agency and, with my fellow commissioners, lobby the Montana Legislature on its behalf. From '08-'10, I served as chair of the finance committee.

Miscellaneous

Camp Director, fly-fisher Over the years, I've held a variety of jobs. I waited tables and directed a summer camp for children with asthma and cystic fibrosis. I even toured the country with a children's theatre company. I love the political process and have informally given my expertise to a number of local, legislative, and statewide candidate and initiative campaigns. I am an avid fly fisher and love to travel.